



Recreational Marijuana Update

September 18, 2017

Overview

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1) Medical marijuana

- a. Dispensaries currently operating in Massachusetts
- b. Status of dispensaries in Amherst

2) Recreational Marijuana

- a. Ballot Question #4
- b. Legislative Amendments
- c. Current timeline for implementation
- d. Proposed warrant articles
- e. Potential retail locations

Medical Marijuana

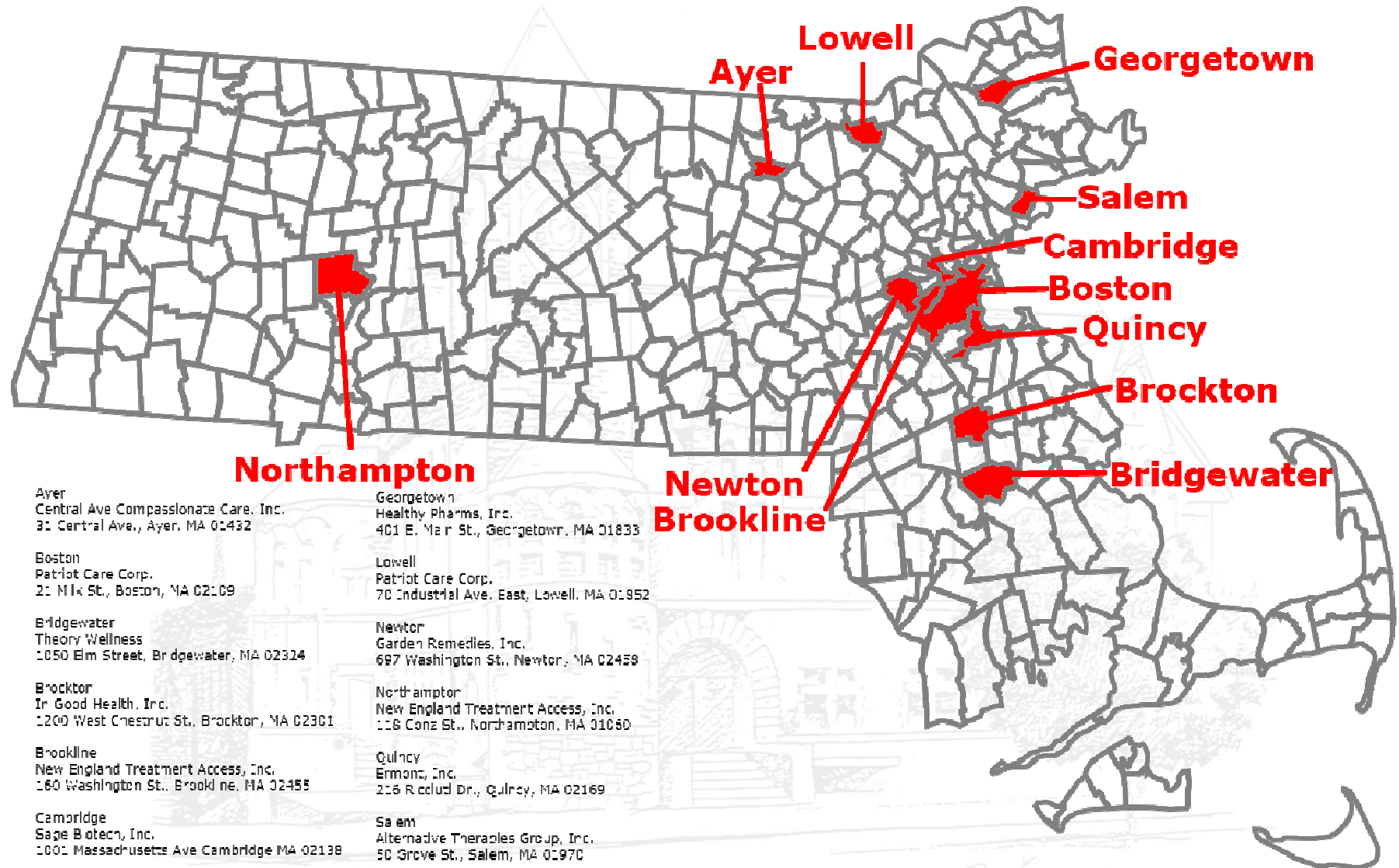
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Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

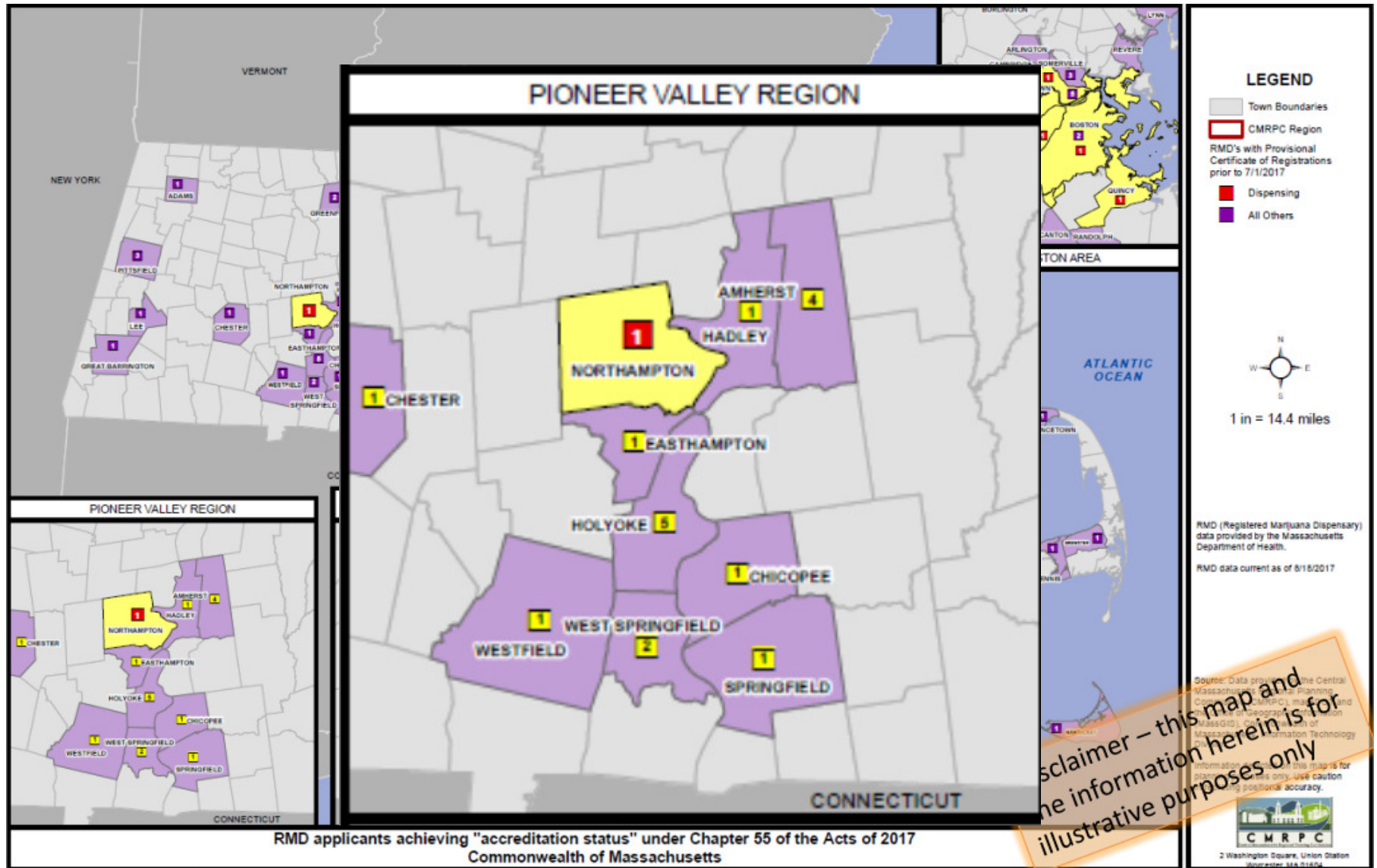
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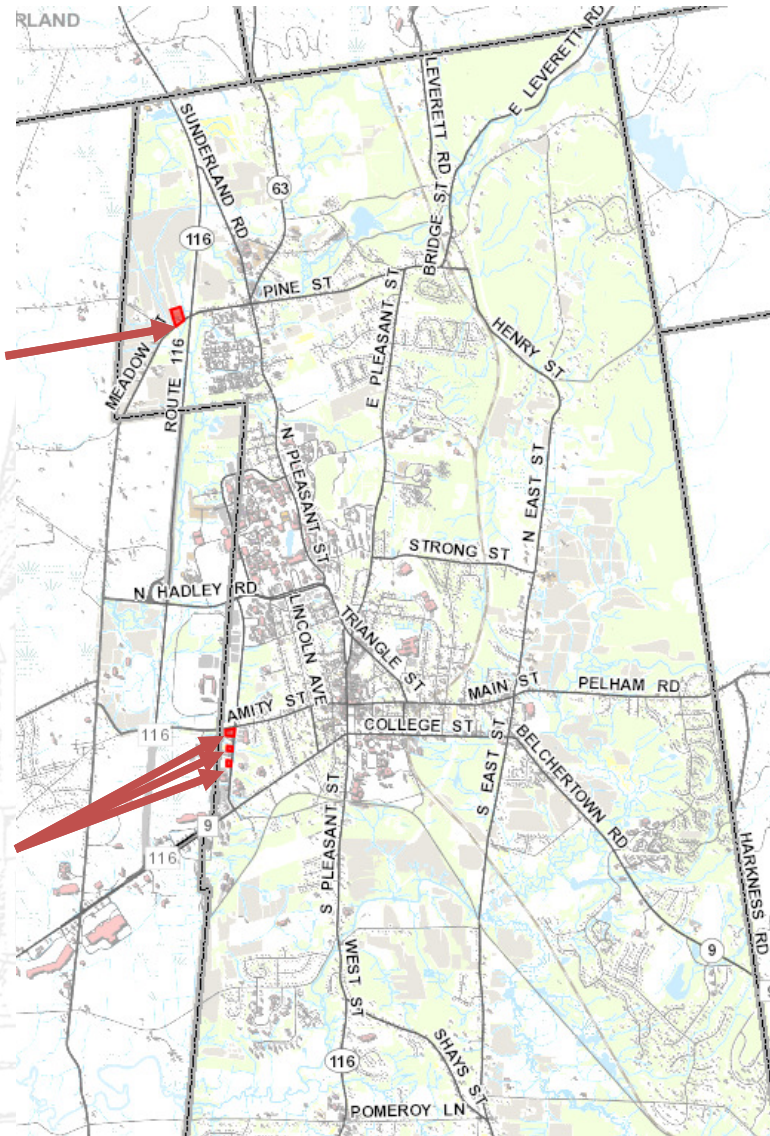
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Medical Marijuana in Amherst

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1 on Meadow Street
(Light Industrial Zone)

3 on University Drive
(Limited Business with
R&D Overlay Zone)



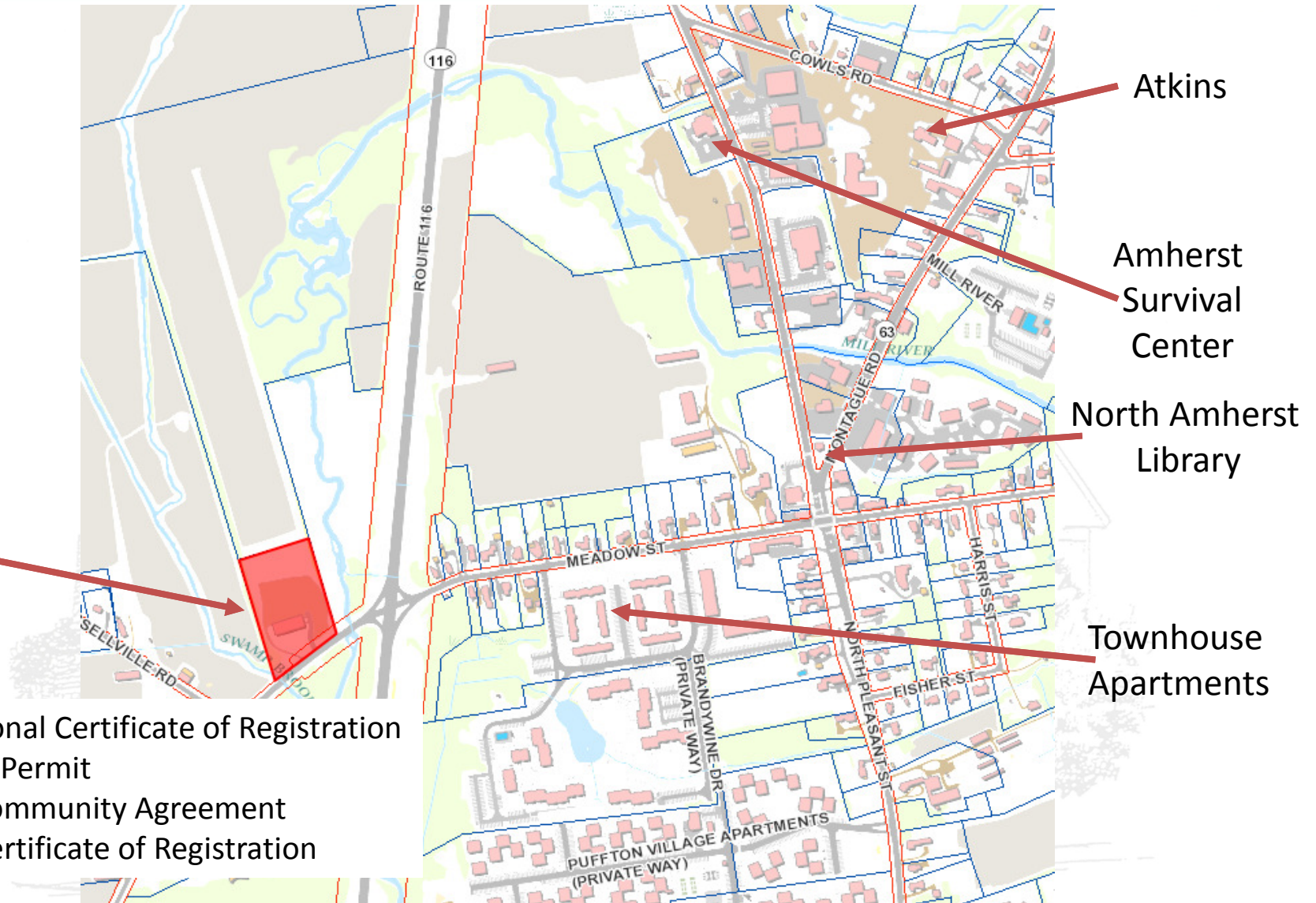
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169 Meadow Street

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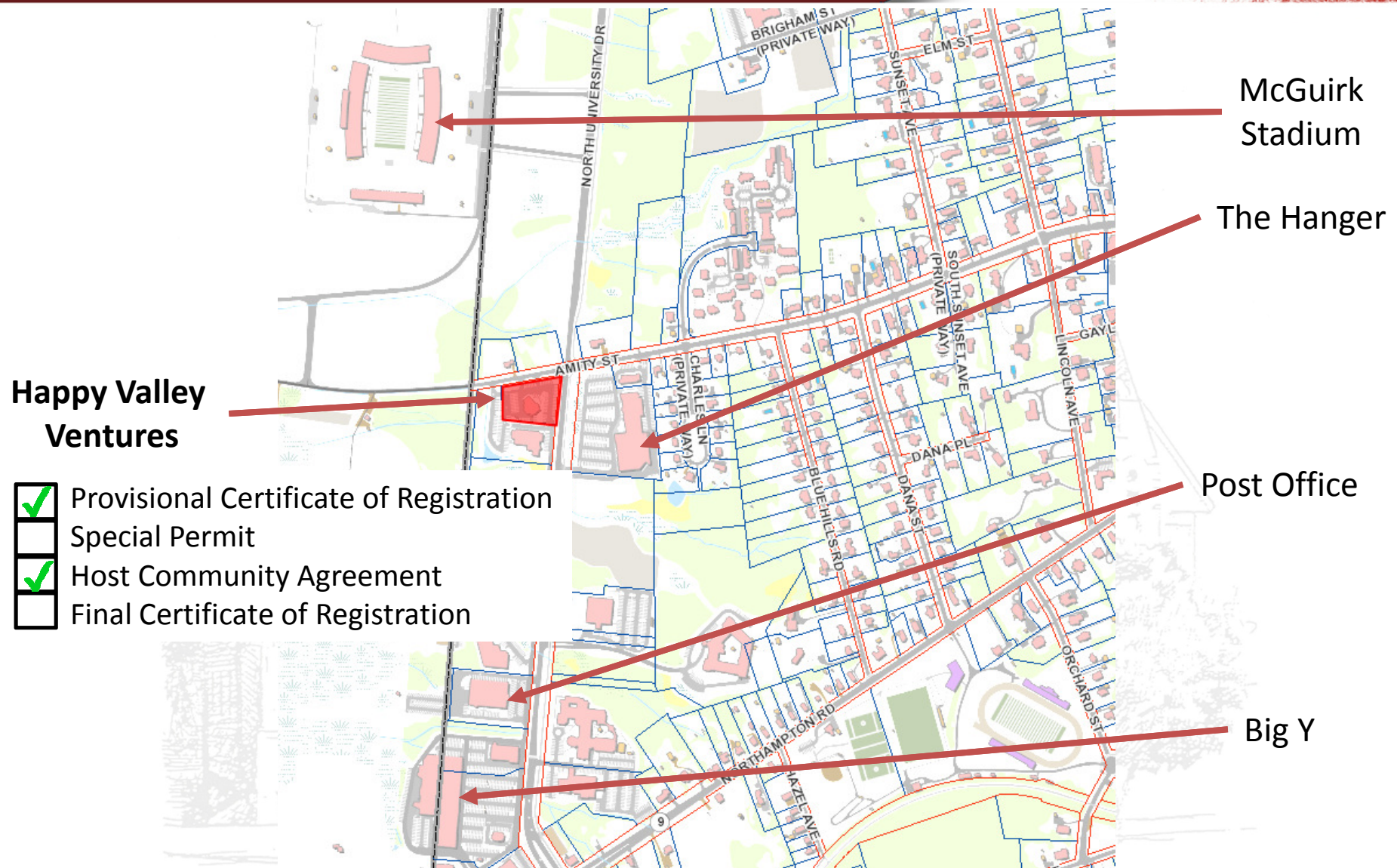
- ☒ Provisional Certificate of Registration
- ☒ Special Permit
- ☐ Host Community Agreement
- ☐ Final Certificate of Registration



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422 Amity Street

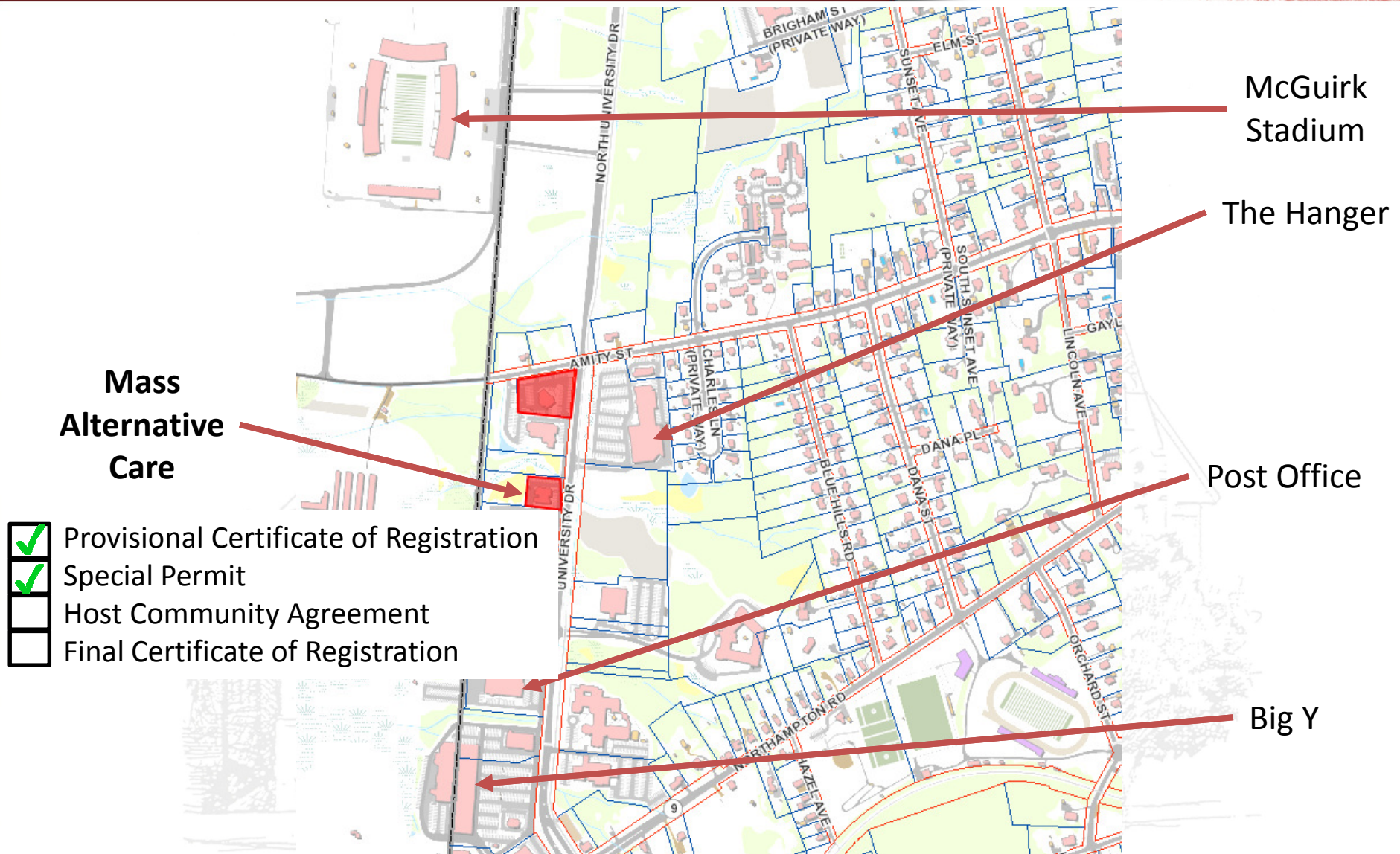
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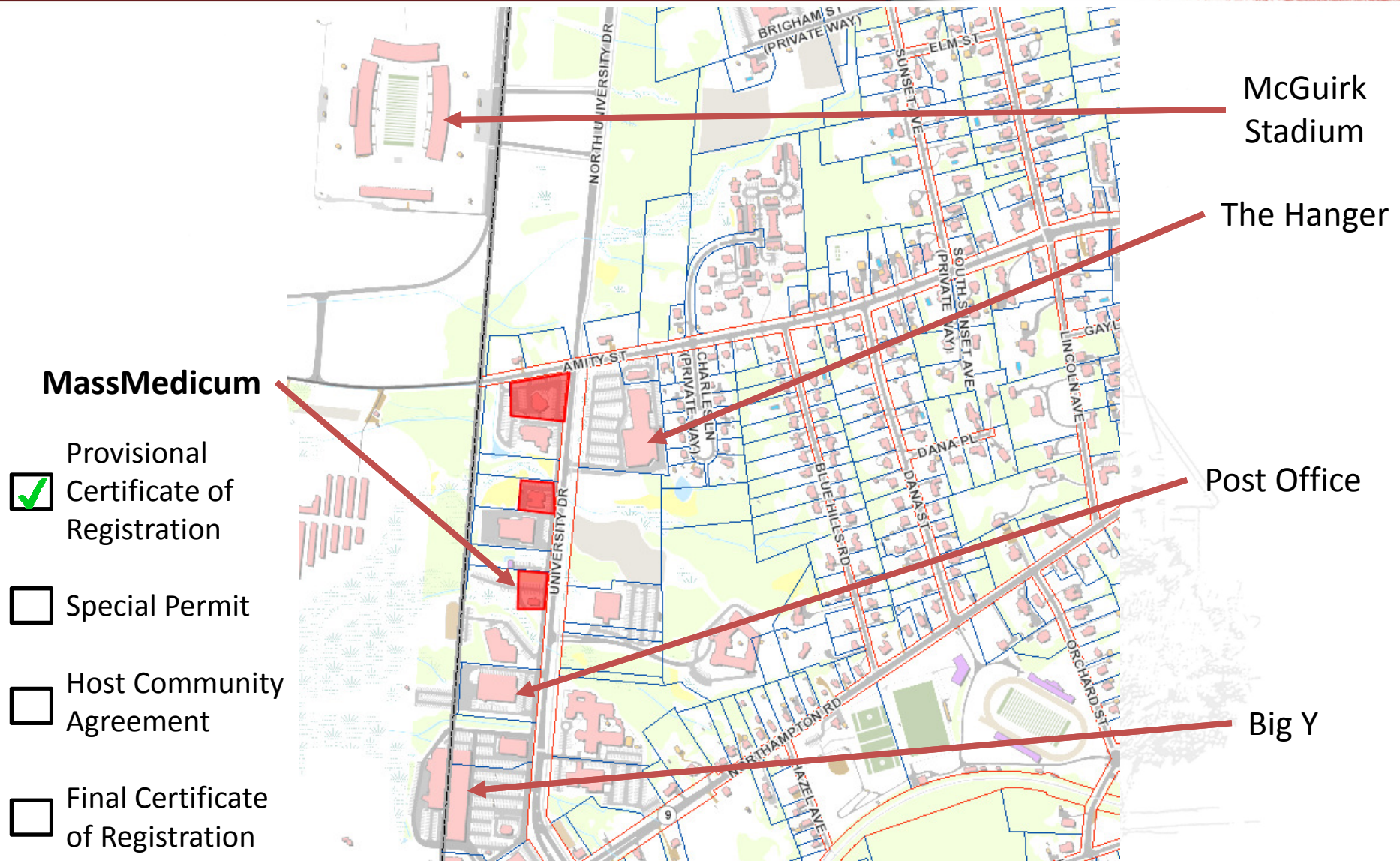
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85 University Drive

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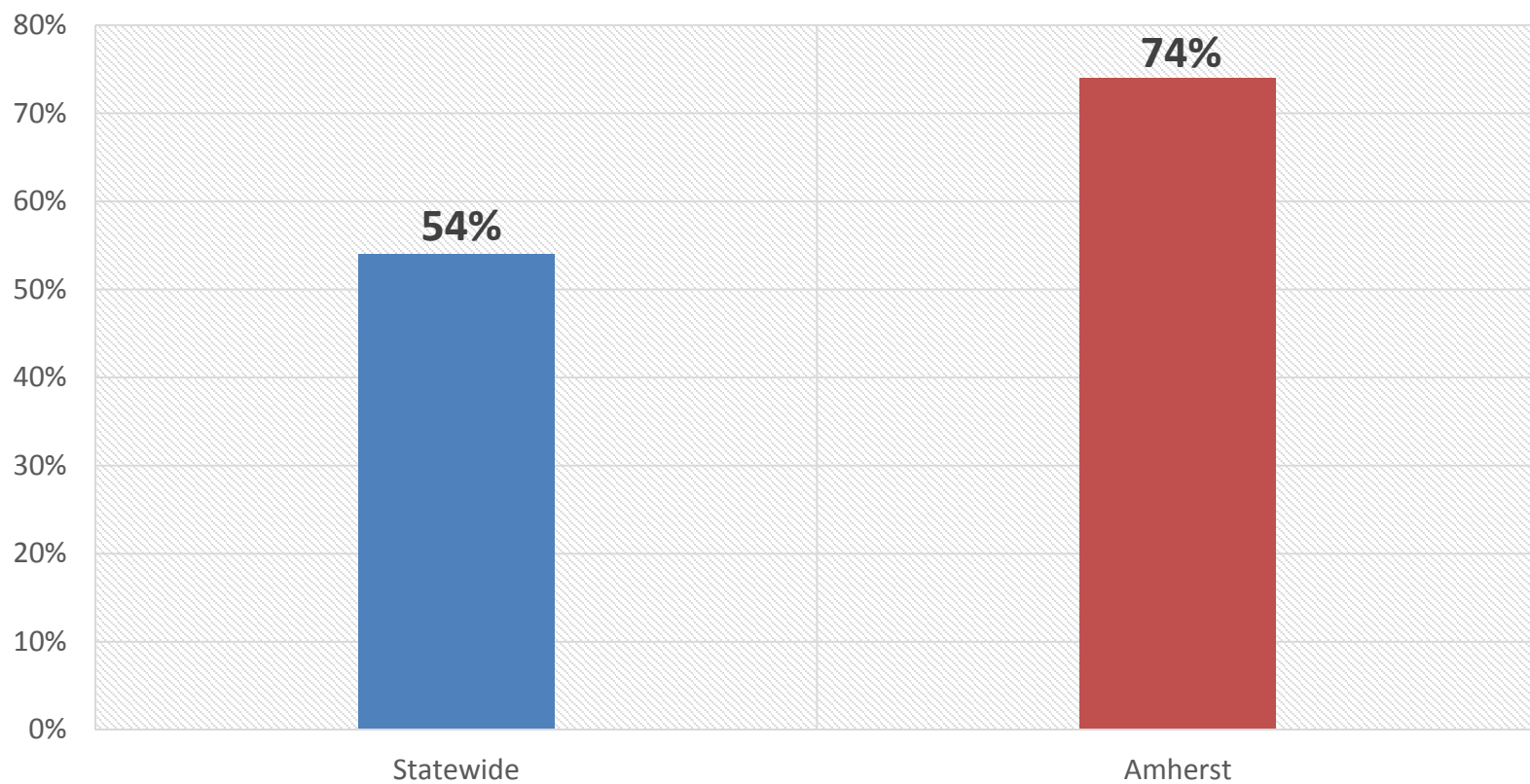


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Ballot Question #4

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Results of Ballot Question #4



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Legislative Amendments

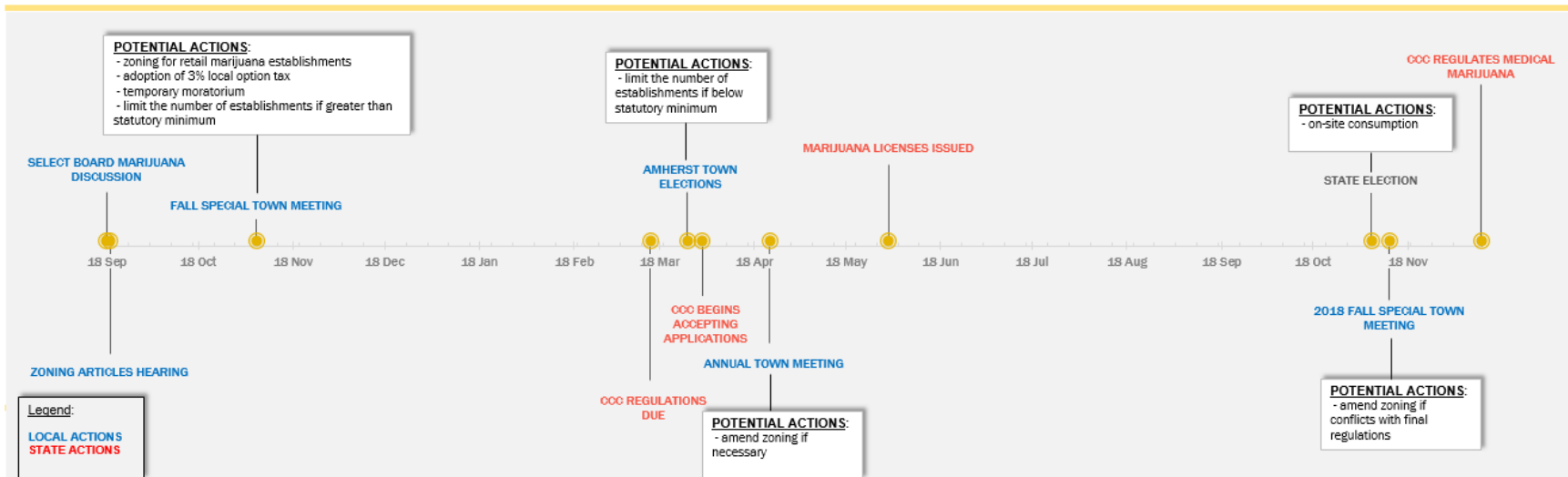
The logo for the Town of Amherst, featuring the word "AMHERST" in a serif font next to a stylized tree.

- Increased local option sales tax maximum to 3% and raised state excise tax to 10.75%
- Required host community agreements for both medical and recreational marijuana establishments
- Reduced the head start given to medical marijuana dispensaries
- Requires products be tested before being sold
- Changed the makeup of the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) and Cannabis Advisory Board
- Requires the CCC to regulate medical marijuana by 12/31/18
- Requires the CCC to issue regulations on health and safety, packaging, dosing, labeling, restrictions on advertising and marketing, among others

Current Timeline

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Recreational Marijuana Timeline



DATE	MILESTONE
9/18/2017	Select Board marijuana discussion
9/19/2017	Zoning Articles Hearing
11/6/2017	Fall Special Town Meeting
3/15/2018	CCC Regulations Due
3/27/2018	Amherst Town Elections
4/1/2018	CCC Begins Accepting Applications
4/23/2018	Annual Town Meeting
6/1/2018	Marijuana licenses issued
11/6/2018	State Election
11/12/2018	2018 Fall Special Town Meeting
12/12/2018	CCC Regulates Medical Marijuana

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Proposed Warrant Articles

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1. Local option sales tax of up to 3% (general bylaw)
2. Prohibition on public consumption (general bylaw)
3. New Use Category and Standards & Conditions for Recreational Marijuana Establishments (zoning bylaw)
4. Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments (zoning bylaw)
5. Limitation on the Number of Recreational Marijuana Establishments (general and zoning bylaws)

Possible Recreational Locations

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North Amherst/
Mill District &
Meadow Street

Downtown
(Pray Street &
Main Street)

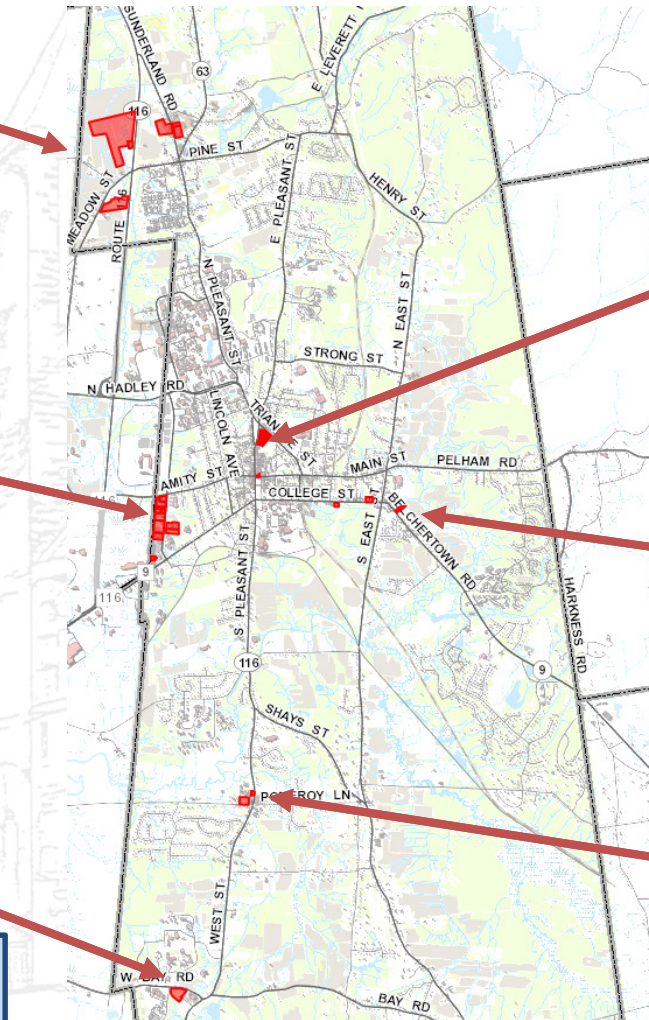
University Drive

College Street &
East Amherst

Atkins Corner

Pomeroy
Village

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